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purchased clothes in Krasnogeres but always travelled to Moscow where better bargains were to be had. A few articles previously abundant, especially butter and meat, became scarcity items after 1950 in Krasnogorak.

- Poor quality textile goods of Soviet manufacture were always available in Krasnogorsk. However, it was noteworthy that the textile products most in demand were goods imported from the satellite countries: Gzecnoslovakian shoes, Bulgarian cloth, German shoes and cloth. The quality of these goods was uniformly better than Soviet products of comparable prices. These import goods were immediately sold out when placed on sale.
- the Soviet population was satisfied in general with present-day living conditions. Under the influence of government propaganda, they appeared confident that their living standard would continue to increase. This satisfaction was undoubtedly the result of isolation from the Western world. The average Soviet citizen knew nothing of life in Western Europe and thus had no real basis of comparison in judging living conditions at home,

several discharged soldiers and soldiers on leave from Germany who described living conditions there in glowing terms. However, these impressions were quickly forgotten once a soldier returned home and readjusted himself to Soviet society. Undoubtedly Party officials prevented such individuals from praising living in the West, if they were inclined to do so.

A group of approximately 150 Spanish boys and girls, ranging from 14 to 21 years of age, attended a trade school in Krasnogorsk and worked part time at Plant No. 393. The entire group SHUTET

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	:	they had been evacuated washington parents from Barcelona to
		the Soviet Union. There was no sign of their narente
(1		supposedly followers of the covalist regime.
		they wished to return home to Spain, but they were not yet allowed to do so.
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K1	10.	A robbery occurred one night in the German living quarters.
		With the aid of bloodhounds, the militia was able to establish that the thief lived in the dormitory housing the Spanish
X 1		apprentices. A short time laner, the entire group of Spanish
X I		youngsters disappeared oversight. No one knew specifically what had happened to them but
		anyone who disappears at night in the Soviet Union
< 1		can only be headed for Siberia.
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		most Soviet radio owners
		were interested in and listened to radio broadcasts from the
(1		West.
		They were particularly concerned that the short- wave reception of their radios be adjusted or improved
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	12.	Other Soviet radio owners
K 1	L	had heard about living
		conditions in the West from Soviet soldiers who had served in Germany. These soldiers had claimed that every German worker
		was a capitalist, as they were so well clothed and frequently
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		of many customers. They wished to hear with their own ears about living conditions abroad. These radio owners also mentione
		an interest in international affairs as their motive for lighter-
(1		ing to western proadcasts. They wished showe all to madeive man
		information from the West concerning the possibility of a new world war.
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	47.	Soviet radio owners in the Krasnogorsk area listened primarily
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